

USEC Privatization Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h-10(d)(2), 2297h-11).

“(3) QUANTITY.—In carrying out activities under this subsection, the Secretary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall make available—

“(A) by September 30, 2024, not less than 3 metric tons of HA-LEU; and

“(B) by December 31, 2025, not less than an additional 15 metric tons of HA-LEU.

“(4) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out activities under this subsection, the Secretary shall take into consideration—

“(A) options for providing HA-LEU from a stockpile of uranium owned by the Department (including the National Nuclear Security Administration), including—

“(i) fuel that—

“(I) directly meets the needs of the end-users described in paragraph (1); but

“(II) has been previously used or fabricated for another purpose;

“(ii) fuel that can meet the needs of the end-users described in paragraph (1) after removing radioactive or other contaminants that resulted from a previous use or fabrication of the fuel for research, development, demonstration, or deployment activities of the Department (including activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration);

“(iii) fuel from a high-enriched uranium stockpile, which can be blended with lower assay uranium to become HA-LEU to meet the needs of the end-users described in paragraph (1); and

“(iv) fuel from uranium stockpiles intended for other purposes, but for which material could be swapped or replaced in time in such a manner that would not negatively impact the missions of the Department;

“(B) options for providing HA-LEU from domestically enriched HA-LEU procured by the Department through a competitive process pursuant to the HA-LEU Bank established under subsection (d)(3)(C); and

“(C) options to replenish, as needed, Department stockpiles of uranium made available pursuant to subparagraph (A) with domestically enriched HA-LEU procured by the Department through a competitive process pursuant to the HA-LEU Bank established under subsection (d)(3)(C).

“(5) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not barter or otherwise sell or transfer uranium in any form in exchange for services relating to—

“(A) the final disposition of radioactive waste from uranium that is the subject of a contract for sale, resale, transfer, or lease under this subsection; or

“(B) environmental cleanup activities.

“(6) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

“(7) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out activities under this subsection shall terminate on the earlier of—

“(A) September 30, 2027; and

“(B) the date on which the HA-LEU needs of the end-users described in paragraph (1) can be fully met by commercial enrichers in the United States.

“(d) COMMERCIAL HA-LEU AVAILABILITY.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Secretary shall establish a program (referred to in this subsection as the ‘program’) to accelerate the availability of commercially produced HA-LEU in the United States in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the program are—

“(A) to provide for the availability of HA-LEU enriched, deconverted, and fabricated in the United States;

“(B) to address nuclear supply chain issues in the United States; and

“(C) to support strategic nuclear fuel cycle capabilities in the United States.

“(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall consider and, as appropriate, execute—

“(A) options to establish, through a competitive process, a commercial HA-LEU production capability of not less than 20 metric tons of HA-LEU per year by—

“(i) December 31, 2026; or

“(ii) the earliest operationally feasible date thereafter;

“(B) options that provide for an array of HA-LEU—

“(i) enrichment levels;

“(ii) output levels to meet demand; and

“(iii) fuel forms; and

“(C) options to establish, through a competitive process, a HA-LEU Bank—

“(i) to replenish Department stockpiles of material used in carrying out activities under subsection (c); and

“(ii) after replenishing those stockpiles, to make HA-LEU available to members of the consortium established under subsection (b)(2)(F).

“(4) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2031.

“(e) COST RECOVERY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out activities under subsections (c) and (d), the Secretary shall ensure that any HA-LEU acquired, provided, or made available under those subsections for members of the consortium established under subsection (b)(2)(F) is subject to cost recovery in accordance with subsection (b)(2)(G).

“(2) AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, revenues received from the sale or transfer of fuel feed material and other activities related to making HA-LEU available pursuant to this section—

“(A) shall be available to the Department for carrying out the purposes of this section, to reduce the need for further appropriations for those purposes; and

“(B) shall remain available until expended.

“(f) EXCLUSION.—In carrying out activities under this section, the Secretary shall not make available, or provide funding for, uranium that is recovered, downblended, converted, or enriched by an entity that—

“(1) is owned or controlled by the Government of the Russian Federation or the Government of the People’s Republic of China; or

“(2) is organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of China.”.

SA 2198. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title III of division D, add the following:

SEC. 40324. NATIONAL STRATEGIC URANIUM RESERVE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) URANIUM RESERVE.—The term “Uranium Reserve” means the uranium reserve operated pursuant to the program established under subsection (b).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Energy.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a program to operate a uranium reserve comprised of uranium recovered in the United States in accordance with this section.

(c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Uranium Reserve are—

(1) to address domestic nuclear supply chain issues;

(2) to provide assurance of the availability of uranium recovered in the United States in the event of a supply disruption; and

(3) to support strategic nuclear fuel cycle capabilities in the United States.

(d) EXCLUSION.—The Secretary shall exclude from the Uranium Reserve uranium that is recovered in the United States by an entity that—

(1) is owned or controlled by the Government of the Russian Federation or the Government of the People’s Republic of China; or

(2) is organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of China.

(e) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2031.

SA 2199. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 40106 of title I of division D.

SA 2200. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 40106(j) of title I of division D, add at the end the following:

(9) GENERATION SUBSIDY PROHIBITED.—In administering the program, the Secretary shall ensure, through the issuance of rules and the adoption of practices and by other means, and shall certify in connection with any financial commitment under the program, that the benefits of the program, including any savings in transmission costs, to